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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0760

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO THE INDO-PAK TALKS

1. VERY LITTLE INFORMED COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INDO-PAK TALKS IS AVAILABLE IN DACCA. THE BDG IS HOLDING ITS CARDS TIGHTLY.

2. SINCE THE HAKSAR-AGHA SHAHI ROUND BEGAN, THE BANGLADESH PRESS HAS GIVEN THE TALKS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. THE MOOD OF COMMENT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT HAS ALTERNATED SHARPLY FROM MILDLY OPTIMISTIC TO GLOOMY WITH LITTLE HARD FACT EMERGING. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE AUGUST 25 HINDUSTHAN STANDARD THAT THE BDG CABINET MET THE PRECEDING DAY TO EVALUATE PAK PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED BY THE GOI. THE PAPER ALSO REPORTED INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER DUTT AND HIS DEPUTY DIXIT CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN AND FOREIGN SECRETARY ENAYET KARIM TO REVIEW TN CABINET'S DELIBERATIONS.

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3. HOSSAIN RECEIVED OUR CHARGE THE AFTERNOON OF

AUGUST 25 BUT DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION
IN NEW DELHI. HE NOTED ONLY THAT THE WORLD WOULD
SOON KNOW HOW FORTHCOMING BANGLADESH HAD BEEN.
HOSSAIN LEFT DACCA FOR ABIDJAN AUGUST 26 TO ATTEND
THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE JUDICIARY. HE
WILL PROCEED FROM THERE TO ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 1 AND
MAY NOT RETURN TO DACCA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10. NEWBERRY

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